Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Patient-Centered Care Awareness Month is a national awareness-building campaign to commemorate the progress that has been made toward a patient-centered health care system and to build momentum for further progress through education and collaboration; and,

Whereas, Patient-Centered Care Awareness Month is coordinated by Planetree, a not-for-profit organization founded by a patient who is working with more than 140 hospitals and health care providers across the country and around the world to develop and implement innovative patient-centered approaches to care, including Rapid City Public Health Service Sioux San Indian Hospital; and,

Whereas, Consistent with the Institute of Medicine's identification of patient-centered care as one of the six national aims for a high quality health care system, health care providers in the state of South Dakota are working to become more patient-centered; and,

Whereas, Patient-centered care recognizes patients as essential partners in their care, empowers patients with information, promotes effective communication between patients and providers, encourages involvement of family and friends, and promotes patient safety; and,

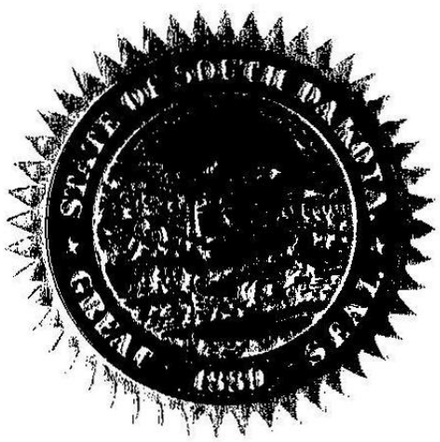
Whereas, Hospitals and health care organizations are encouraged to observe Patient-Centered Care Awareness Month by empowering patients, strengthening their patient-centered practices, and publicly proclaiming to their patients and communities their commitment to patient-centered care; and,

Whereas, Citizens are encouraged to observe Patient-Centered Care Awareness Month by taking steps to become more active partners in their health care:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2009 as

PATIENT-CENTERED CARE AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State